

Reading

During our whole class reading lessons, we will be focusing on books linked to our topic. We will be developing our comprehension skills using VIPERS—vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieval and sequence. Using these skills we will then answer questions about what we have read in order to deepen our understanding and comprehension of the text.

Writing

During this half term topic, African Adventure, we will be reading our new text Meerkat Mail. We will explore the different adventures Sunny the Meerkat has been on and take him on a new journey at Torridon Primary School. Then we will write postcards to Sunny's family, sharing how amazing our school is. Finally, we will create short stories inspired by African tales, inventing characters and writing exciting narratives about their adventures.

Science

This half term in Science, we will be finishing off our topic of 'Animals including Humans'. After learning about animal life cycles last half term, we will now be learning about humans and our own life cycle. We will be exploring what humans need to stay healthy and the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Suraiya

Teaching Staff: Eliza, Shanae and Suraiya

African Adventure



Year 2

Autumn 2 2025



Mathematics

This half term we will continue exploring addition and subtraction. We will use manipulatives and jottings to solve a range of number problems, including missing number problems. We will also name and explore 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on their properties.

Geography

This half term we will be learning about the continent of Africa, with a focus on Kenya and its capital city, Nairobi. We will be exploring its climate, wildlife and culture and comparing life in Kenya to life here in London, thinking about similarities and differences. .

PSHE

We will be learning about the importance of accepting and celebrating that everyone is different. We will be focusing on eliminating stereotypes of girls and boys, why bullying happens, how to stand up to bullies, and gender diversity.

PE

Year 2 will have **Dance** on **Tuesday** and PE on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a PE kit on these days.

This half term we will be focusing on Gymnastics.

DT

During our DT lessons, we will be learning about healthy foods. We will have a chance to prepare some food and we will be eating it too!

Computing

This half term, year 2 will be exploring digital photography. We will be looking at how different devices can capture photographs. After that, we will then have a go at capturing, editing and improving photographs of our own.

Supporting Your Child's Learning

Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis - both their reading book we have sent home as well as real books. Why not have a go at completing super interactive online games? Your child has a login for SPAG.com and Mathletics.



RE

This half term, Year 2 will be focusing on Christianity. We will explore in depth our enquiry question 'Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?'

Dance

This term in dance we will be using traditional and contemporary African dance to perform and create our own work. We will be learning the history of South African Gumboot dance and creating our own rhythmic dances using body parts and actions.

Music

This half term we will continue to learn how to play the recorder. We will be developing our ability to read A & B and play with good tone and correct note lengths.

Art

Year 2 are learning about Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and how she filled her self portraits with stories about her life.